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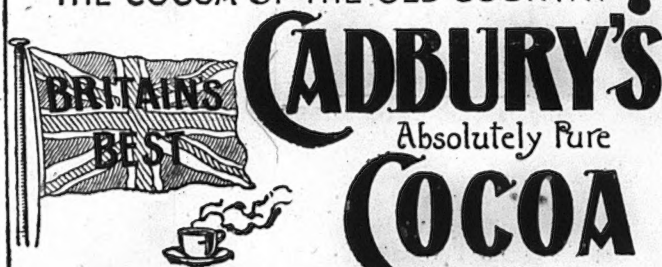
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die oesterreichische Staatsangehörige Genovefa Pösch, geboren in Gallitz (Karnten) 35 Jahre alt, wohnhaft in Alexandrien, Tochter des 63 Jahre alten Meisters Johann Pösch und dessen 57 Jahre alter Ehefrau Theresia Pösch geborenen Paulitsch, beide wohnhaft in Gallitz, beabsichtigen, sich mit einander zu verehe-lichen und diese Ehe in Gemäßheit des Reichsgesetzes vom 4. Mai 1870 vor dem unterzeichneten Beamten abzuschliessen.

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT

ALEXANDRIA

Kom-el-Nadoura Observatory.

Direction of wind ... S.
Force of Anemometer ... 10
State of Sea ... calm
Barometer corrected ... 761.5
Evaporation ... 3.5
State of Clouds ... 1/4 clouded
During 24 hours { Max. Temp. in the shade ... 29
Min. do. do. ... 18.3
Humidity of the air ... 78
Heat of the sun ... 76
Moon rises 10.1 a.m.
ending 9 a.m. { sets 11.40 p.m.

REMARKS.

No change in the weather conditions. The morning opens beautifully clear with light southerly breeze and a steady barometer.

OTHER STATIONS.

OBSERVATIONS BY SURVEY DEPARTMENT.

For the 24 hours ending 9 a.m. yesterday.

Stations.	Max. temp. in the shade.	Min. temp. in the shade.	Stations.	Max. temp. in the shade.	Min. temp. in the shade.
Port Said.....	27	18	Merowe.....	40	18
Suez.....	31	18	Atbara.....	41	23
Cairo (Holloway).....	31	18	Suakin.....	36	15
Ghiseh.....	33	16	Khartoum.....	41	20
Assiout.....	30	18	Wad Medani.....	—	—
Assouan.....	38	15	Duim.....	41	23
Wady Halfa.....	33	19			

FOREIGN STATIONS.

Stations.	Barom.	Wind	Temp.	State of Sea
Trieste.....	764.6	Calm	25	Calm
Malta.....	764.5	Moder.	23	Moder.
Brindisi.....	760.8	Fresh	22	Rough
Athens.....	759.5	Calm	20	Very slight
Lima.....	760.7	Almost calm	24	Very slight

PHASES OF THE MOON.	THE SUN.
May 1 First Quarter	9.7 p.m. 5.13 6.31
" 8 Full Moon	4.10 p.m. 5.7 6.36
" 15 Last Quarter	9.3 a.m. 5.2 6.40
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TUESDAY, MAY 29, 1906.

THE FUTURE OF SPAIN

The approaching marriage of the King of Spain has thrown an unusual degree of interest on the young ruler of that ancient kingdom. Those who would forecast the future and predict the fate of King Alfonso have singularly little material to work upon. "Bonbon child of a Hapsburg mother," he is the representative of the two great lines which have ruled Spain through such extraordinary vicissitudes of fortune for nearly four centuries. Charles the Fifth was King of Aragon and Castille before the conquest of Mexico or Peru; the minority of Alfonso the Thirteenth saw the last shred of its American Empire torn from the grasp of Spain. But of his personal characteristics and his mental and physical endowments, the world knows little. Born in the purple, he has been denied that training which falls to the lot of the heirs apparent of the Royal Houses of Europe. Foreign travel has been impossible for him, equally so has been that free association with his future subjects of equal age and congenial tastes, which is the lot of a Prince of Wales, a Prince of Naples, or a Crown Prince of Germany. And in his case the affectionate care of his mother, placed herself in a position of cruel responsibility, has been pushed to extremes. We do not know if the Spanish language has any equivalent for our word "coddled," and we would not use it for worlds if it is in any degree disrespectful. Let us rather describe his education as akin to "that fugitive and cloistered virtue" of which Milton wrote, and let us hope that the young King may find advisers round the Throne who will help and guide him as wisely as Queen Victoria was guided through the opening years of her glorious reign.

Ever since the close of the Peninsular War Spain has been the shuttlecock of despotism and revolution alternately. Out of the chaos has been evolved one of those parodies of Parliamentary and party Government which were the craze of the Nineteenth Century. It has not brought much prosperity to Spain, and the war of 1898 was the finishing touch to a long series of disasters. It must be added that that country has been singularly unfortunate, with rare exceptions, in the personality of its Sovereigns; and that it has been cursed through the greater part of the century with a disputed succession and with a "Legitimist" party which still issues manifestoes from its eyrie at Venice. The Carlists have been a much more dangerous thorn in the side of Spain than were ever the Jacobites in that of Hanoverian England. The Civil War, which was put down on the accession of Alfonso XII., was a far more serious affair than either the "Fifteen" or the "Forty-five." The reign of the late King was too short for his personal influence to have fair trial, but it remains to be seen what a Sovereign of marked individuality of character

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Cattle Plague.

During the week ending on May 28, two cases of cattle plague were reported, both from Kafr Zayat.

Damietta's Grievances.

On Sunday the deputation of Damiettans presented a petition to the Financial Adviser. The appeal is now under consideration.

Cabbary Dock.

It is officially notified that the Gabbary Dock (Alexandria) will be closed for one month from June 4th, whilst the accessory channel is being deepened by dredging.

Patient's Suicide.

Driven to desperation by his sufferings, which became unendurable, Kerkor Elias, a patient of Kasr el-Aini Hospital, threw himself out of the window of his ward and so ended his life.

Popular University.

Signor Giovanni Mundula will deliver a lecture in Italian at the University on Saturday next, commencing at 9.15 p.m., on "Tre Anniversari Storici (5 Maggio 1789 1821-1860)." Entrance free.

The Late Maître Albrecht.

The Mixed Tribunals yesterday gave judgment in favour of the heirs of the late Maître Albrecht, who was killed last year by a fall from a train near Samalout. The heirs claimed £25,000 compensation but the Mixed Courts have only awarded the sum of £10,000.

Wakfs Administration.

The Wakf Administration has decided to appoint Abdallah Effendi Hamid, a clerk in the Passport Office, as manager of the two Tekieh of Mecca and Medina, with a salary of L.E. 30 per month. The appointment will be confirmed by the Council of the Wakfs at its next meeting.

Water for Ras-el-Bar.

The Ministry of the Interior has asked the Towns and Buildings Department to draw up plans for the installation of a drinking water supply at Ras el Bar. Mains will be laid from Damietta, whence the supply will be derived, to Ras el Bar. It is hoped to have the water laid on by the end of the summer season.

A. L. M. & D. S.

Last night's lecture at the Sailors and Soldiers' Institute proved a great success, the subject, "Architecture and Progress," being amply illustrated alike by Mr. R. Williams' remarks and by his lantern slides. We shall deal with the lecture more fully at a later date. Mr. Gould, H.B.M.'s Consul-General, presided, and there was a full attendance.

"The Dance of Fire."

A sensation was provided on Saturday night at Masserini's Menagerie, which is performing behind the G. P. O., by the appearance of Mme Masserini in the "Dance of Fire," accompanied by her pet lion and lioness, Sultan and Gypsis. The performance was witnessed by a large crowd on Sunday also. Two intrepid Alexandrian youths have been entertaining the audiences by entering the lions' cage alone.

Ship in Distress.

The Austrian steamer *Reines*, of Fiume, which left Alexandria on Sunday for Syria in ballast, was sighted by Kom el Nadoora signalling station early this morning in tow of the British S.S. *Braemar*, of Leith. The vessel signalled the letters "F.T.R.," meaning "Light in ballast," and the Ports and Lights tug *Negd* was immediately sent to her assistance and took her in tow from the *Braemar*, bringing her into the harbour, while the latter vessel proceeded on her way.

Italian Benevolent Society.

At the annual general meeting of the Cairo Italian Benevolent Society, the Marquis di Soragna, Italian Consul, who was in the chair, delivered an eloquent speech in commemoration of the late Félix Suarès, who was president of the committee. Mr. Viligiardi announced that M. Raphael Suarès had been elected to replace the deceased and that he had made a donation of £400 to the society on his election. The meeting was adjourned in sign of mourning.

Ex-Empress of Sahara in Cairo.

A "relic" of the famous Empire which Jacques Lebandy dreamed of founding in the sands of the Sahara is now in Cairo, where she has made a very successful debut at the Ambassadeurs. Lebandy jilted her two years ago for an artist of the Nonvautés during his stay in Egypt, and she was naturally indignant with him when he returned to Austria. Her remonstrances, however, elicited revolver-shots, which touched her slightly and led to the "Emperor" being accorded the hospitality of the State. So after visiting several capitals, including Constantinople, the ex-Empress has decided to try her luck on the Cairo stage, as a means of support.

PASSENGER LISTS.

ARRIVALS.

Par le paquebot Congo des Messageries Maritimes arrivé aujourd'hui de Marseille avait à bord:—

M. H. N. Astair, Gucland, Bachmann, Debbas, Negib Hani, J. Stevens, P. Pachon, R. W. Callender, N. J. Briggs, Mme Simon Hess, Mlle Darguet, M. Nagib Haddad, Rastan, Adam, Nerasi, Nathan Soganes, Vidal-Grae, El Guendy, M. de Castro, M. Poncel, Walter Wills, Goddard Flead, Ebenrecht, Mme Bibet, Mme Roman, Mlle Pavette, Mlle Martinez, M. Real, Mlle Gladly, Jancour, vice consul de France.

FRONTIER COMMISSION.

DELIMITATION BEGINS TO-DAY.

The Frontier Commission has arrived at Akaba and will commence its task to-day in conjunction with the Turkish Commissioners.

NEW LAND COMPANY.

The estate, which it is proposed should be taken over from the Behera Company by a new land company, is situated in the village of Teba, to the north of Kafr Sheikh. The Delta Light Railway Company is building a new line of railway which will end on the property itself. We hear that the land is of good quality and has a considerable future before it.

CAIRO HOTEL COMBINE.

At the recent annual general meeting of the George Nungovich Hotels Company, the managing director, George Nungovich Bey, in reply to a question of a shareholder on the subject of the alleged hotel combine, stated that if any resolution had been taken on this subject it would have been communicated to the shareholders.

This statement in no way invalidates the news we gave in our issue of to-day week, when we announced that there was a probability of an approaching fusion of the two most important Cairo hotel companies, the George Nungovich Hotels Company and the Egyptian Hotels Company, and that Mr. Chas. Baehler and Nungovich Bey, managing directors of the two companies, would meet in London this summer to discuss the question.

Some ill-informed Cairo newspapers have ventured to contradict the news of the combine. We will merely ask them to also deny the fact that Nungovich Bey and Mr. Baehler intend to meet in London in the course of this summer to confer on the matter.

MOTOR TRACTION COMPANY.

The statutes of the Egyptian Motor Traction Company appear in yesterday's "Journal Officiel." The company has been formed with a capital of £60,000, divided into 15,000 shares of £4 each, which have been wholly subscribed by the promoters in the following proportions: Antoine E. Benachi, 1,750; Constantin J. Choremis, 1,750; Etienne Delta, 1,750; Richard F. Giglio, 1,875; Edgard P. Giglio, 1,875; Nicolas Paraskevass, 1,750; Alfred J. Snares, 1,750; Clément Snares, 2,500. We understand that the motor omnibuses which the company will put on the streets of Alexandria are already on the way out and will be here shortly.

ABBAS THEATRE, CAIRO.

NEXT SEASON'S OPERA PROSPECTS.

Friday night, *Fra Diavolo*; Saturday night, *Zaza*; both good but not so satisfactory as *Figoletto*. *Fra Diavolo* had not been learnt and rehearsed so fully as would be *La Bohème* or such pieces. But it is most of it very pretty music, and amusing comedy. Signor Battani and Signa di Spada were excellent. He has certainly a splendid voice, and can command the utmost delicacy and ease, or if wanted great sonority, far more than enough even for the large hall of the Abbas Theatre. If only the Khedivial Opera would engage such singers! For Signora di Spada was charming in the 2nd act, and the part could not have been sung better.

Zaza is, we think, new to Cairo. The play one knows: it is more or less a *Traviata* in lower life, the music-hall favourite instead of the high demi-mondaine. One cannot but say, however, that it is far more consistent, and powerful, and free from the maudlin element of Dumas' production. The music! Well; what could it be but a rechauffé of *Tosca*, &c., with snatches of Wagner, notably one long phrase straight from the "Venus Berg" motif! All through the effect is rather coarse and "opportunist," but one has to admit that it is in a way appropriate. Signor Carpi and again Signa di Spada were the best, Signa di Spada was particularly excellent in her acting, and certainly in the first two acts in her dress and manner and everything else she hit the exact note. The chorus was very bad in the 3rd act behind the scene, but lively and natural in the first act. Signor Bartera is perhaps the only really unsatisfactory singer: he showed this in *Lorenz* in *Fra Diavolo* as well as on this occasion as Malardot: his voice is thin and he sings flat, with far too much effort. Signor Arrighetti (Caecar) would be effective but for the persistent prolongation of his notes, which is very trying.

Yet on the whole the company is more than satisfactory, and the Théâtre Abbas is well worth going to. It would be well to say a word as to next year's prospects at the Khedivial Theatre. Probably great promises will be held forth, but we heard on fairly good authority that as yet no director has been engaged, and that no engagement will be made till the end of July—result: not a single good artist will be available, all having been engaged elsewhere long ago. It is said that one most capable director who had offered his services refused, for this very reason. So we must make up our minds to a repetition of last year,—one or two "half" stars, and a crowd of others, doubtless worthy people in themselves, but quite unknown, and very far below the first or even the second class. When, if ever, shall we be allowed to have a voice in these matters? If we cannot have something good, at least, we might be told so at once instead of being lulled into accepting the pretentious and nondescript stuff for which we have the pleasure of paying, and our artistic patrons of receiving, such exorbitant sums.

THE EGYPTIAN TRIBUTE.

TERMINATION SUGGESTED.

In the House of Commons last week, Dr. Rutherford asked whether, in view of recent occurrences, the Government intended to revise the relations between Egypt and the Sultan of Turkey, and if so whether they would consider the desirability of terminating the Tribute.

Sir E. Grey: The Government do not desire to raise these questions. As a matter of fact, the Egyptian Tribute is entirely pledged to British and foreign holders of Turkish Bonds, and is given direct to them.

ENGLAND AND THE PORTE.

QUESTIONS REGARDING THE TARIFF.

In the House of Commons last Tuesday, Mr. Gooch asked whether, in view of the present temper of the Porte, His Majesty's Government would resist the increase of the Turkish Tariff till Lord Lansdowne's conditions involving the administrative control of Macedonia by the Powers had been accepted.

Sir Edward Grey replied that the question of the administration and control of Macedonia was settled by the institution of an International Financial Commission which was accepted by the late Government. The assent of His Majesty's Government and the other Powers to the proposed increase of the Turkish Tariff would only be given subject to a sufficient guarantee that the proceeds would be applied to making good the deficit on the Macedonian Budget.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

ALLEGED INTRIGUES IN CAIRO.

"Al Abram" is responsible for the statement that a member of the German Diplomatic Agency at Cairo is renewing his attempts to persuade the Moroccan colony in Cairo to demand German protection. The chief members of this colony have for the last two years paid complimentary visits to the French Diplomatic Agency on the fête of July 14, and "Al Abram" expects that the German Diplomatic Agent in question will do his utmost to dissuade them from doing so this year.

CYPRUS FOR GERMANY.

A curious statement affecting Cyprus appears in the "Berliner Morgen Post," which says that an arrangement is on the point of being concluded between Germany and Great Britain in regard to the Bagdad Railway on the following basis: As far as Bagdad the line shall be German; thence to the Persian Gulf the railway shall be British, that is to say, under British control. In compensation for this concession England will allow Germany to occupy one of the Turkish islands—Cyprus or Rhodes.

HEDJAZ RAILWAY.

On the anniversary of the accession of the Sultan the first 722 kilometres of the Hedjaz line will be opened with much ceremony. The remainder of the 880 kilometres, towards the building of which special appeals have been made throughout the Moslem world, is expected to be in full working order for the pilgrimage of 1908.

PLAGUE AT ALEXANDRIA.

A case of plague was notified at Alexandria to-day, the patient being a young man living at Gabbari who was isolated on suspicion on Sunday. In consequence of this case of plague, the usual vexatious quarantine restrictions on the departure of vessels have been reimposed in the harbour.

THE KHEDIVÉ.

The Khedive is expected to return from his trip in the Western Desert on Thursday. His Highness will spend Friday at Montazah, where he will attend midday prayer.

On Saturday morning the Khedive's farewell reception will be held at Ras-el-Tin Palace; and on the same day the Council of Ministers will meet under his Highness's presidency.

BRITISH CONSULAR COURT.

The action brought by Spiro Billal against Messrs. Festa and Combo came before the British Consular Court, Cairo, this morning. Mr. Festa announced that he had come to an arrangement with the plaintiff, and the hearing of the action brought against Mr. Combo for the recovery of certain moneys was adjourned till Friday next.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The S.S. *Avoca* (Westcott and Laurence Line) left Malta yesterday, and is due here on Friday next with general cargo from Antwerp and London.

EDEN PALACE HOTEL, CAIRO.

NOTED FOR ITS EXCELLENT CUISINE.
ELECTRIC LIGHT, LIFT.
Special terms for officers of the Army of Occupation and Government Officials.
20-11-006

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish, in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.

OUR CONSULAR SERVICE.

REPLY TO "XENOS."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE." Dear Sir,—Here are a few observations in regard to "Xenos" letter as far as the Levant is concerned:—The necessary qualifications for a Consul are more numerous than he would appear to imagine. Mere commercial knowledge is nothing—if it is not backed by a knowledge of the language and history of the locality to which he is appointed, as wide an education as he can acquire, and certain qualities, such as tact and good manners, which are valuable even in these days of strenuous and unencumbered efficiency.

As to the Consular reports, "Xenos" will find, if he takes the trouble to study recent reports from various towns in the Ottoman Empire, a great improvement in the commercial information which they contain. Much remains to be done in this respect, but a good beginning has been made.

Then comes the question, Should a Consul be a diplomatist or not? "Xenos" remarks that the Turkish authorities have more than once regarded Consular interference in the Lebanon, Armenia, and Macedonia "in the light of political intrigue." Well, Sir, what does it matter if they do so regard it? If a sensible Consul can stop a riot, mitigate the cruelty of the local authorities, or protest against some peculiarly scandalous act of oppression or corruption on their part, so much the better. Really, after the recent performances of the Porte, "Xenos" is a little too considerate for the feelings of that sublime abstraction which takes the responsibility for Sultan Abdul Hamid's acts.

Personally I think one might solve the difficulty by appointing a certain number of purely commercial consular assistants to each consulate-general, if our trade is really in such a bad way. But I am a little sceptical; and if there is any menace to our commerce in the Levant it appears to me to be largely the fault of our home merchants, who send out travellers who often cannot speak any language but English—and that often incorrectly—and then do not trouble to act on the recommendations of these worthies. Finding themselves losing ground through their own slackness and want of imagination they then howl to the Government to help them. CIVIS.

Cairo, 28th May.

THE STATE RAILWAYS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE." Sir,—A few weeks ago you published an extract from Lord Cromer's Report quoting the opinion of an English Railway Director as to the working of the State Railways. We have had some experience of the delays on these lines and have suffered and are still suffering loss in consequence. It takes three, four, and even five days to get delivery of goods from Alexandria. There is no sense in such delays—no third-rate Railway Company in England or even on the Continent would be tolerated to so delay delivery. As the E.R.A. holds the monopoly it should be compelled to give efficient service. We protest against the English Railway official referred to whitewashing the E.R.A. and do not believe that he has enquired of any traders at Cairo or elsewhere or he would not have reported so favourably. Everybody depending for their supplies on the railway transit has had to suffer owing to its inefficient management. JOHN JONES & Co. Mansourah, May 28.

PORT SAID SPORTING CLUB.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "EGYPTIAN GAZETTE." Sir,—Many readers of your valuable paper were pleased to see the mild protest of "The Woman who Knows" in your last Saturday's issue re the future of the New Sporting Club of our town. But, Mr. Editor, there is no valid reason why there should be a Sporting Club of this character at Port Said, when we are so much in need of a public garden in which our children, and even the parents, could find some recreation, which would somewhat break the monotony of the everlasting walks upon the sand. A Sporting Club would only mean—not rarely a delight to Schwebbe's—but a standing advertisement for the leading whisky firms, and also entertainment for a few selfish residents.

The ridiculous idea of a Sporting Club emanated from the brain of a former Government official, and on his departure it was hoped the scheme would have been abandoned. To some extent a douche was applied, but agreeing with the sentiment of "The Woman who Knows," it would take a tidal wave to stir up any sane enthusiasm here, and as you no doubt are aware such a phenomenon as a tidal wave is unknown in the Mediterranean. It remains to be seen whether the Red Sea could afford us any assistance in this line.

The Government were kind enough to present the inhabitants with the land, and it was first suggested to raise public subscriptions with a view to establishing a Sporting Club, but it is understood the subscriptions did not come along as freely as was anticipated.

To have anything worthy of consideration at all, whether it be a Sporting Club, or a public garden, it would require an outlay of say £25,000 at a minimum and this amount will never, I venture to say, be collected from the residents at Port Said as most of them are here with the one idea of making as much money as possible with the final aim to leave and enjoy the remainder of their lives in their native countries and therefore do not take more than a passing interest.

In my opinion the best thing possible would be for the Government to take the entire affair in hand, and erect a public garden under their control. I feel confident that the expressions contained in this letter have the full sympathy of the majority of the Port Said residents.—I am, etc., OLD RESIDENT.

Port Said, May 29.

ALEXANDRIA SPORTING CLUB.

HANDICAP TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

The annual handicap tennis tournament will be held at the Alexandria Sporting Club, commencing about the 12th June, when the following handicap events, open to members, will be contested: (1) Ladies' Singles, (2) Men's Singles, (3) Ladies' Doubles, (4) Men's Doubles, (5) Mixed Doubles.

Entries for these events will close on the 7th June and must be sent in to Mr. J. E. Cornish, Junr., 4, Rue Gare de Ramleh, Alexandria, accompanied by entrance fees, which are P.T. 20 for each player for each event.

The results of the drawing and the handicaps will be duly published in the "Egyptian Gazette" and also posted up at the Sporting Club, together with the notice of the regulations and the dates for the conclusion of the different rounds.

Prizes will be given to the winners of each event. No event will take place unless there are at least four entries in the double, and six entries in the single events.

The results of the open tennis tournament are as follows:—Men's Singles. Winner, J. Guarino; second, J. E. Cornish, Jr. Men's Doubles. Winners, T. H. Marsden and H. Thomas; second, W. Cumming and J. H. Percival. Mixed Doubles. Winners, Mrs. J. H. Percival and J. E. Cornish; second, Mrs. and W. Cumming.

KHEDIVIAL YACHT CLUB.

REGATTA.

The following is the handicap for to-morrow's races for the Commodore's cups.

Boat.	Time of Start.
Delikanli	8.00
Nanine	8.07
Tier el Mina	8.14
Coot	
Minnie	8.17
Madeleine	
Leman	8.24
L'Aiglon	8.26
Sans Pareille	8.35

CLASS II.

Acte	8.15
Akraba	8.40
Ironie	8.42
Cattalroa	8.44
Gumrook	8.52
Cyclone	8.55
Calypso	8.57
Islandiriyia	9.00

Class I. Course E. Class II. Course Q.
As the race this week is a "one" race only those boats entered for the season can compete.

His Highness the Khedive has been graciously pleased to allow the Khedivial Band to play the following programme of music at the club to-morrow from 4.30 to 6.30 p.m.:—

Marche—Waldmère—Losey
Polonaise in E flat—Chopin.
Valses—Gold and Silver—Czibulka
Deux Morceaux (a) Marche Indienne—Sellenick
(b) Sérénade d'Amour—Von Blon.
Selection—Little Michus—Messager
Song—Sing me to Sleep—Greene
Romance—Narcissus—Lévin.

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CRICKET.

VICTORIA COLLEGE v. T.H. MARSDEN'S XI.

A very pleasant game between the above-mentioned eleven was played on the College ground on Saturday afternoon and resulted in a win for the visitors by 92 runs. For the College, Mustard bowled well, and he was well supported in the field, the catches by Lazonioc and Checri, at point and slip respectively, being particularly good. The boys showed a marked improvement in this very important department of the game. Scores:—

MR. T. H. MARSDEN'S XI.	
Henley c. S. Checri, b. Aubrey	6
Cheesman b. Mustard	6
Harrison b. Mustard	13
Dawson c. Lazonioc, b. Mustard	33
R. McLean c. S. Checri, b. Aubrey	11
Marsden b. Mustard	113
Rev. F. Longley c. Lazonioc, b. Mustard	0
Lucas c. Currie, b. Mustard	4
Shepherd c. and b. Mustard	32
Hanley not out	13
Hewett b. Mustard	4
Byes	6
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VICTORIA COLLEGE.

O. Verney b. McLean	0
S. Checri b. Longley	11
A. Morrison c. Henley, b. Marsden	17
S. Lazonioc c. and b. Marsden	33
A. Mustard c. Henley, b. Marsden	8
A. E. Aubrey c. Cheesman, b. McLean	11
M. Saleh c. Lucas, b. Marsden	2
F. Lowick hit wicket, b. Dawson	5
A. G. Lias b. McLean	49
E. Harle b. McLean	0
M. Curiel not out	7
Byes	6
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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

We regret to report the slight illness of Mustapha Pacha Fehmy, who has been confined to his bed for the last two days.

General Thurneysen Pacha, A. D. C. to the Khedive, leaves Alexandria by the Austrian Lloyd steamer on Saturday next en route for Vienna, where he will await the arrival of his Highness after his visit to Constantinople.

Izzet Pacha leaves for Athens on Wednesday to sign the Commercial Convention between the Greek and the Egyptian Governments.

Slatin Pasha, Inspector General of the Sudan, will leave Khartoum for Cairo about the beginning of June. His Excellency will remain for a few days in the Capital before going to Europe on leave.

Lady Victoria Macchell left Port Said last night for home.

Mr. Dupuis, Inspector General of Irrigation for the Sudan, arrived in Cairo yesterday from Khartoum.

Sorg. Captain Purdy, M.D., F.R.G.S., of the New Zealand Militia, has been granted further extension of leave of absence whilst serving in the Egyptian Quarantine Service.

Capt. T. G. Dalby, K. R. R. C., has joined the Egyptian Army with the rank of Bimbashi. Lieut. L. Bantfield, R. A. M. C., has also joined the Egyptian Army with the same rank.

The following officers have been granted three months' leave of absence, on private affairs: Brevet-Col. C. M. Edwards, Major E. S. C. Hobson, Capt. E. A. de Salis, D.S.O., Lieut. D'A. H. Kay, C. H. Kitching, R. W. Pepps, P. T. Bull, 4th Worcestershire Regiment; Major R. Percy Smith, R.G.A.

Emir Mohamed Arslan, son of Emir Mustapha Arslan, the chief of the Druses of Mount Lebanon, has been appointed councillor to the Turkish Embassy in Belgrade, where he has held the position of first secretary during the last few years.

The birthday of the Rev. Father Cotel was celebrated on Saturday by the pupils past and present—of the Collège de la Sainte-Famille, Cairo, who gave a most amusing performance of *Un Voyage en Chine*. M. de la Boulinière presided at the fête, and among others present were Lord Cromer, Sir Vincent Corbett, Mgr. Aurelio Briante, the Sub-Governor of Cairo, M. Cambon, M. Donap, Père Doret, and many of the clergy, M.M. de Gorostanza, Lamba, Tousseint, Caneri, Privat, and many others.

M. Basile G. Boninas, physician, and M. Stelianos Golia, pharmacist, have been authorised to practise in Egypt.

The following visitors are staying at the Beau-Rivage Hotel, Ramleh:—Coles Pacha and Mrs. Coles, Cairo; Mr. C. Brown, London; Mrs. H. Hornik and family, Cairo; Mrs. A. Tedeschi, Helouan; Mr. Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. Madden and family, Mr. F. Ponder, Mr. R. Rolo, Cairo; Mr. and Mrs. Limpritis, Miss L. Limpritis, Mr. and Mrs. J. Watson, Alexandria; Mr. and Mrs. R. Springer and family, Helouan; Mrs. O. Katzenki, Mrs. A. Raschke, Mr. L. Petter, Vienna; Mr. and Mrs. Calambrokidis, Alexandria; Mrs. H. Frandagar, Lyons; Mr. O. Lenz, Cairo.

TO PROTECT THE SUEZ CANAL.

Although it has been decided by the Admiralty to abolish the naval command of the Cape of Good Hope and West Coast of Africa Squadron, and to reduce the naval strength in the waters from the Red Sea to the Cape, yet in view of the dangers to which, in time of war, the Suez Canal must be exposed, it will be essential to keep the dockyard at Simonstown—upon which large sums have been spent—in such a condition that its staff may be expanded without delay in case of hostilities occurring of a character likely to lead to its being required for the docking and repair of the largest men-of-war which extended operations may take into these waters. As no other nation keeps any man-of-war in the vicinity of the Cape of Good Hope, the possibility of naval actions therabouts is remote. The nearest foreign squadron is a small French one based on Madagascar.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

It may be of interest to our readers who have left for Europe, or are about to leave, to know that the steamer *Hobenzollern* is intended to do the service on the Marseilles-Naples-Alexandria line at the time when they will be returning to Egypt. The itinerary of this steamer will be as follows:—

Leave Marseilles July 18, Naples 20th, arr. Alex. 22nd
" " Aug. 29, " 31st, " " Sept. 2nd
" " Sept. 19, " 21st, " " 24th
" " Oct. 3, " 5th, " " 8th
" " " 17

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

UPROAR IN THE REICHSTAG

GERMANY AND HER COLONIES.

REBUFF TO GOVERNMENT.

BERLIN, May 28.

The Reichstag has practically rejected the whole of the Supplementary Estimates for South-West Africa and subsequently refused the Government the necessary money to establish a Ministry of the Colonies. This severe rebuff to the Government is mainly due to a hectoring speech of Colonel Deimling, who has just been appointed to the command in South Africa. He lectured the Reichstag in a stentorian voice as if he were giving orders to troops on the drill-ground, declaring his determination to ignore certain recommendations of the Budget Committee unless otherwise directed by the Emperor, who, he said, alone had to decide. A tremendous uproar ensued. (Reuter)

RUSSIAN UNREST.

PROMISCUOUS BOMB THROWING.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 28.

Bombs have been thrown at the Governor-General of Tiflis and the Chief of Police. They escaped unhurt, but a Cossack was killed. A number of bombs were thrown in the square, in Sevastopol, during a review on the occasion of the anniversary of the coronation. Three persons were killed and many injured, including the Governor of the fortress and the Chief of Police. (Reuter)

A CITY EN FETE.

THE SPANISH MARRIAGE.

MADRID, May 28.

The city is crammed to overflowing with foreign princes and missions: every nation is represented. They will all figure in the procession to the church, lending an exceptional éclat to the proceedings, and will occupy 56 state carriages, mostly historical. A bull-fight on an extraordinary scale will be the leading feature of the fêtes. (Reuter)

HOPE FOR IRELAND.

MR. BRYCE'S LOAN BILL.

LONDON, May 28.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.—With a view to arresting the physical decline of the population and instilling new hope into Irish labourers, Mr. Bryce has introduced a Bill authorising a loan of £4,500,000 to provide 25,000 labourers' cottages in Ireland and devoting £50,000 annually, derived from various economies, to the same object. (Reuter)

EDUCATION BILL.

CHAMBERLAIN AMENDMENT REJECTED.

LONDON, May 28.

Mr. Chamberlain's amendment to the Education Bill has been rejected by 367 votes to 172. (Reuter)

CHINESE CUSTOMS.

AWAITING CHINA'S REPLY.

LONDON, May 28.

HOUSE OF LORDS.—Lord Fitzmaurice stated that China's reply to the last Note on the Customs question was expected in a very short time. The Government, he said, did not intend to allow a protracted delay in the settlement of this question, fully realising its importance to trade. They were acting with the knowledge of the other Powers and in perfect harmony with them. (Reuter)

EMPEROR OF CHINA ILL.

PEKING, May 28.

The usual spring diplomatic audiences have been postponed indefinitely owing to the illness of the Emperor, who has been in bad health for some months; his condition, however, is not believed to be critical. (Reuter)

THE BANK OF MOROCCO.

PARIS, May 28.

The international committee appointed to draw up the statutes of the Morocco Bank will meet on the 30th inst. under the presidency of M. Pallain. (Havas)

BELGIAN ELECTIONS.

BRUSSELS, May 28.

In the results of the elections the Catholics retain the majority in the Chamber. (Havas)

*A HISTORY OF EGYPT.

The publication of such a book as that under notice is highly significant of the growing interest in Egypt now shown by our American cousins, and following as it does the discoveries made by trans-Atlantic explorers in this country during recent years, affords another proof of the high standard of knowledge and experience gained by the United States Egyptologists.

England seems at the present time to be keeping somewhat in the background, and we have only to instance the fact that it was an Italian professor who was recently appointed to the post of Curator of the Alexandrian Museum, and that the history of the Cairo Museum makes no mention of any Englishman of the prominence of M. Maspero, Mariette Pacha, M. de Morgan, and others whose names are familiar in connection with that great undertaking, to prove that we are lagging behind very considerably in the work of unveiling the glories of Egypt's past history. Professor Breasted not only presents his facts in a very attractive and interesting manner, but as he says in his preface, he has aimed above everything at accuracy, noting that "although many exhaustively accurate publications of hieroglyphic documents now appear with every year, it is nevertheless true that the large majority of standard Egyptian documents accessible in publications exhibit a degree of incompleteness and inaccuracy not, in the author's judgment, to be found in any other branch of epigraphic science."

Under these circumstances the author's first obligation has been to go behind the publications to the original monument itself in every possible instance. This task has consumed years and demanded protracted sojourn among the great collections of Europe.

How far the author has succeeded in making ancient Egyptian history clearer than heretofore only a savant can pretend to say, but the many exquisite photographs taken direct from the temples at Thebes and other places should certainly be of great value to the Egyptologist, and these form one of the most valuable features of the work.

"Egyptian archaeology," says the author, "is in its infancy, and but few of the fundamental studies and researches already completed in classical archaeology have been made in this province." And, referring to early forms of religion he says, "The study of Egyptian religion has but begun, and decades will pass before even the preliminary special studies shall have been completed." To the author's contributions on the subject of religion we shall refer later on.

It was with some feeling of disappointment that we found on opening the book and reading its early chapters, no attempt to elucidate the story of Egypt in prehistoric times. Professor Flinders Petrie gave us in the first volume of his History of Egypt much valuable information in this direction, and we hope that some day we shall know far more than we do at present of the Stone Age and the races who fashioned the carved stones lying about everywhere which still bear traces of the original designs made on them in the remote ages. This by the way. Our author evidently considers the historic ages as of more importance and devotes himself to them, making but slight reference even to the early pottery of the remote ages or the ancient burial places found in the valley of the Nile. But from the point from which he takes up the history of the country up to the fall of Psamtik III., with which the volume ends, the author gives us fact on fact of the utmost interest to the tourist, the Bible student, and the professional scholar, embodying as he does the results of the very latest researches. The following passage is deeply interesting, giving as it does an insight into the science of "Earliest Egypt."

Already in the forty-third century B.C. the men of the Delta had discovered the year of three hundred and sixty-five days and they introduced a calendar year of this length beginning on the day when Sirius rose at sunrise, as determined in the latitude of the southern Delta, where these earliest astronomers lived, in 4241 B.C. It is the civilization of the Delta, therefore, which furnishes us with the earliest fixed dates in the history of the world. The invention and introduction of this calendar is surprising evidence of the advanced culture of the age and locality to which it belongs. No nation of antiquity, from the earliest times through classic European history, was able to devise a calendar, which should evade the inconvenience resulting from the fact that the lunar month and the solar year are incommensurable quantities, the lunar months being inconstant and also not evenly dividing the solar year. This earliest known calendar, with an amazingly practical insight into the needs to be served by a calendar, abandoned the lunar month altogether and substituted for it a conventional month of thirty days. Its devisers were thus the first people to perceive that a calendar must be an artificial device, entirely divorced from nature save in the acceptance of the day and the year. They therefore divided the year into twelve of these thirty day months, and a sacred period of five feast-days, intercalated at the end of the year. The year began on that day when Sirius first appeared on the eastern horizon at sunrise, which in our calendar was on the nineteenth of July. But as this calendar year was in reality about

*A History of Egypt from the Earliest Time to the Persian Conquest, by James Henry Breasted, Ph.D., Professor of Egyptology and Oriental History in the University of Chicago, New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price 35s.

a quarter of a day shorter than the solar year, it therefore gained a full day every four years, thus slowly revolving on the astronomical year, passing entirely around it once in fourteen hundred and sixty years, only to begin the revolution again. An astronomical event like the heliacal rising of Sirius, when dated in terms of the Egyptian calendar, may therefore be computed and dated within four years in terms of our reckoning, that is, in years B.C. This remarkable calendar, already in use at a remote age, is the one introduced into Rome by Julius Caesar, as the most convenient calendar then known, and by the Romans it was bequeathed to us. It has thus been in use uninterruptedly over six thousand years. We owe it to the men of the Delta Kingdom, who lived in the forty-third century B.C.; and we should notice that it left their hands in much more convenient form, with its twelve thirty day months, than after it had suffered irregular alteration in this respect at the hands of the Romans.

It would be scarcely fair to Prof. Breasted, even did our limited space permit us to do so, to quote at length much of the interesting matter with which the pages of this work are filled. The old Kingdom, the Middle Kingdom, the Hyksos, the Empire, first and second periods, the Decadence, the Restoration and the end are all fully treated of in this elaborate book of over 600 pages, which "The Biblical World" declares to be "The best single-volume history of Egypt yet published." We hope to resume our notice of some of its contents at an early date. (To be continued)

Calendar of Coming Events.

ALEXANDRIA.

- May.
Tues. 29 Windsor Hotel. Concert by De Salvo orchestra. 6-12 daily. (Sundays 11-1 also).
Masserini's Menagerie. Behind G. P. O.
Alhambra. Italian operetta company in *Il Diavolo in Corpo*.
Wed 30 Khedivial Yacht Club. Regatta.
June.
Sat. 2 Ras-el-Tin Palace. H.H. the Khedive's Reception.
Masapha Range. B.R.C. (Alex.) III Class Challenge Cup Competition. Club Match and Practice. 2.30.
San Stefano Casino. Small Dance. 10.
Round Point. Pigeon Shooting. 2.30.
Gabbari. Pigeon Shooting. 2.30.
Sun. 3
Thurs. 14 Alexandria Municipality. New Quay Lands. First Public Auction. 10.
Thurs. 21 Alexandria Municipality. New Quay Lands. Second Public Auction. 10.

CAIRO.

- May.
Tues. 29 Esbekieh Gardens. Performance by British Military Band. 9.
Theatre des Nouveautés. 9.30.
Alcazar Parisien. 9.30.
New Theatre Abbas. Italian Opera.
June.
Fri. 1 Zoological Gardens. Afternoon Concert by the Ghizah Boys' Band.
Esbekieh Gardens. Performance by British Military Band. 9.
Sun. 3 Zoological Gardens. Concert by Ghizah Boys' Band. Afternoon.
Mon. 18 Shepherd's. Old Wellingtonians' Dinner. 8.30

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Date.	1905	1906*	1905	1906	1905	1906	1905	1906	1905
1	1.08	11.55	1.28	0.16	0.33	0.77	1.05	1.09	1.44
2	1.08	11.50	1.48	0.14	0.30	0.75	1.04	1.11	1.42
3	1.08	11.50	1.55	0.14	0.30	0.76	1.02	1.10	1.40
4	1.08	11.45	1.65	0.14	0.28	0.79	1.04	1.06	1.36
5	1.09	11.40	1.65	0.14	0.25	0.80	1.00	1.04	1.34
6	1.09	11.30	0.14	0.14	0.24	0.80	0.98	1.04	1.32
7	1.09	11.22	0.14	0.14	0.23	0.77	0.99	1.02	1.30
8	1.09	11.30	0.14	0.14	0.23	0.71	0.99	1.02	1.30
9	1.10	11.20	0.13	0.13	0.26	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.30
10	1.10	11.20	0.13	0.13	0.26	0.70	1.00	1.00	1.30
11	1.09	11.30	0.12	0.12	0.24	0.71	1.04	1.27	1.05
12	1.09	11.15	0.10	0.10	0.23	0.70	1.05	1.22	1.03
13	1.08	11.11	0.10	0.10	0.23	0.67	1.02	1.20	1.03
14	1.06	11.10	0.10	0.10	0.21	0.70	1.02	1.10	1.05
15	1.00	11.06	0.10	0.10	0.17	0.71	1.01	1.18	1.05
16	0.96	11.07	0.11	0.11	0.14	0.73	1.00	1.16	1.04
17	0.97	11.12	0.11	0.11	0.20	0.73	1.00	1.16	1.04
18	0.92	11.15	0.12	0.12	0.20	0.75	0.98	1.16	1.04
19	0.96	11.15	0.12	0.12	0.21	0.73	0.97	1.18	1.04
20	0.92	11.21	0.12	0.12	0.20	0.74	0.98	1.18	1.04
21	0.45	11.27	0.12	0.12	0.18	0.76	0.97	1.18	1.04
22	0.52	11.40	0.12	0.12	0.21	0.79	0.97	1.20	1.04
23	0.51	11.47	0.13	0.13	0.18	0.77	0.97	1.20	1.04
24	0.56	12.10	0.13	0.13	0.10	0.77	0.96	1.18	1.04
25	0.52	12.80	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.76	0.95	1.18	1.04
26	0.48	...	0.12	0.12	0.10	0.76	0.94	1.20	1.04
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